

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1903.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, 31 Senators answered to their names, showing a quorum present—Senator Williams being absent.

Prayer by Rev. J. B. Ley, Presiding Elder of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Wilson of 7th moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

In accordance with the order of the Senate, the following reports are inserted in the Journal:

**REPORT OF H. J. DRANE, SPECIAL AGENT FOR THE STATE.**

Lakeland, Florida, January 31st, 1903.

His Excellency, W. S. Jennings, Governor, Tallahassee, Florida:

SIR—In conformity to your instructions, delivered to me in the month of August, A. D. 1901, and supplemented, from time to time by other instructions, oral and written, I have the honor to report the following on "Insurance Matters of the State in General, showing: (1) The valuation of all State property subject to Insurance; (2) Its Insurance Valuation, the amount now carried, the forms of the various contracts, correcting them, where necessary, the amount of Insurance now carried on the several properties, and all other matters in connection therewith."

I begun the work in question in the month of August, 1901, making a preliminary report to you on August 28th, A. D. 1901, as follows:

"Lakeland, Fla., August 28th, 1901.

"His Excellency, W. S. Jennings, Governor, Tallahassee, Florida:

"SIR

"In conformity to your request, I have the honor to report as follows:

**INSURANCE ON STATE PROPERTY.**

"There is no insurance on the following property, located at the State Hospital: The one-story frame slate-

roofed building, size 30x77, and shown on the official map as No. 10 Workshop; nor on No. 11, Corn Crib, being a two-story frame, shingle-roofed structure, size 20x30; nor on

No. 12, Laundry, being a two-story frame-shingle-roofed structure, size 24x30; nor on

No. 13, Ironing House, being a two-story frame, shingle-roofed structure, size 20x50; nor on

No. 14, Steam Plant, being a one-story frame, shingle-roofed structure, size 18x50; nor on

No. 15, Shed, being a one-story frame, shingle-roofed structure, size 18x24; nor on

No. 16, Creamery Building, being a one-story frame, shingle-roofed structure, size 30x60; nor on

No. 17, Bakery, being a one-story brick, slate-roofed structure, size 33x60, with a shingle-roofed veranda; nor on

No. 18, Employees' House, being a one-story slate and shingle-roofed structure, frame, size 25x75; nor on

No. 19, Cow Shed and Feed House, being a two-story, brick, shingle-roofed structure, size 22x30; nor on

No. —, Calf Shed, adjacent to the above No. 19 the latter being unimportant.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT.

Map shows no Electric Light Plant (which seem to be of recent construction) and no insurance has ever been placed, either on the building or any of its equipments.

#### COMMISSARY, OR STORE HOUSE.

Map shows no building of this character, which in the nature of the case, must exist, and no insurance is now placed thereon.

#### GENERAL STORES AND COMMISSARY SUPPLIES.

No insurance is placed thereon.

#### EQUIPMENT OF BUILDINGS.

Equipment and contents of each and every building on the Hospital grounds, such as Household and Kitchen Fur-

niture of every kind, Clothing, Food and other Supplies,  
Farming Tools and Implements, and Farm Products.  
No insurance thereon.

### THREE SUMMER HOUSES.

Uninsured and unimportant.

### STATE HOSPITAL—SUPERINTENDENT'S RESI- DENCE, "A."

Is insured for \$8,400. The insurable value being fixed  
at \$12,000. It would seem that \$3,600 additional insur-  
ance should be placed.

I would respectfully recommend the elimination of the  
Three-fourths Value Clause, and the addition of a Valua-  
tion Clause, Lightning Clause, Electric Light Clause and  
permit for \$12,000, Total Concurrent Insurance. The fol-  
lowing policies cover on this property, and are incorrect  
in one or more of the features above noted:

Liverpool and London and Globe No. 302, J. D. Per- kins, Agent.....	\$2,400
German-American No. 2678, R. A. Shine, Agent..	2,400
Aetna, No. 3006, Anderson & Door Agents (one item).....	1,800
Hartford, No. 1118, Knowles Bros., Agents (one item).....	1,800
	<b>\$ 8,400</b>

### COLORED MALE DEPARTMENT, NO. 5.

Is insured as follows:

Aetna, No. 3006 (one item), Anderson & Dorr, Agents, add Electric Light Clause and Valuation Clause; Eliminate Three-Fourths Value Clause; also Lightning Clause and permit for \$10,000 Total Concurrent Insurance....	<b>\$ 3,300</b>
North British & Mercantile, No. 3,180,258, B. C. Whitfield, Agent, should be treated as above, and it insures for.....	1,000
Hartford, No. 4188, (one item), Knowles Bros., Agents; treat same as above.....	700
Sun, No. 6,116,469, Knowles Bros.; (same treat- ment) .....	1,000

Caledonian, No. 1,290,054, Knowles Bros., Agents; (same treatment) .....	1,500
Hartford, No. 4726, Knowles Bros.; (same treat- ment).....	1,500
North British & Mercantile, No. 3,061,857; (same treatment) .....	1,000

Total .....\$10,000

Item of \$3,300 under Aetna, No. 3006, and \$790 under Hartford, No. 4188, should be separated from the "Mixed" policies and placed to themselves, making a clean and plain record.

#### WHITE, MALE AND FEMALE, NEW NO. 6.

Is insured as follows:

Hartford, No. 4272, Knowles Bros., Agents Eliminate Three-fourth Value Clause; add Valuation Clause; Restore Electric Light Per- mit, which has inadvertently been removed..	\$ 2,500.00
Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Com- pany, No. 825, J. D. Perkins, Agent; Eliminate Three-Fourths Value Clause; add Valuation Clause .....	3,000.00
Liverpool & London & Globe, No. 765, H. J. Drane, Agent; Eliminate Three-Fourths Value Clause; add Valuation Clause.....	3,000.00
Continental, No. 459, R. A. Shine, Agent; Eliminate Three-Fourths Value Clause; add Valuation Clause; add permit for \$20,000 Total Con- current Insurance .....	3,000.00
Aetna, No. 1272, George Greenhow, Agent; Eliminate Three-Fourths Value Clause; add Valuation Clause .....	3,000.00
Phoenix, No. 33,573, W. A. Demilly, Agent; Eliminate Three-Fourths Value Clause; add Valuation Clause .....	
Providence, Washington, No. 2387, Knowles Bros., Agents; Eliminate Three-Fourths Value Clause; add Valuation Clause; restore Electric Light Permit .....	2,500.00

Total insurance on this building is.....\$20,000.00  
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## WHITE—FEMALE, NO. 7.

Insurance placed on this building is as follows:

Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, No. 904, H. J. Drane Agent; Amount of Policy is: Eliminate Three-Fourths Value Clause; add Valuation Clause. ....	\$ 2,500.00
Hartford, No. 975, H. J. Drane, Agent; Eliminate Three-Fourths Value Clause; add Valuation Clause .....	3,000.00
British American, No. 1,529,376, H. J. Drane, Agent; (treat same as above) .....	2,500.00
Total insurance .....	8,000.00

It has been evidently intended that \$10,000.00 should be the amount of Insurance on this building, that being the Insurable Value. I would respectfully recommend, for that reason, that the additional \$2,000 be immediately placed.

## WHITE MALE BUILDING, NO. 4, "B."

This property is insured as follows:

British America, No. 1,529,375, H. J. Drane Agent .....	\$ 2,000
Eliminate Three-Fourths Value Clause.	
Liverpool and London and Globe, No. 903, H. J. Drane, Agent .....	2,000
Same treatment as above.	
Liverpool and London and Globe, No. 801, J. D. Perkins, Agent .....	7,500
Add Electric Light permit; Valuation Clause and Lightning Clause.	
Eliminate Three-Fourths Value Clause. Add permit for \$14,600.	
German American, No. 2677, R. A. Shine, Agent.	2,900

Total Insurance on this property is....\$ 14,500

Treat last mentioned policy as follows: Eliminate Three-Fourths Value Clause; add Lightning Clause; Permit for \$14,500. Total Concurrent Insurance.

In all the before-mentioned policies the "Equipment for

Heating and Lighting" should be included in the policies as a part of the building.

### BUILDINGS "F" AND "G,"

Also Designated as "First and Second Sections of White Female Department."

This property is insured as follows:

Southern, No. 241,560, R. A. Shine, Agent.....	\$ 2,000
Same policy, under separate item.....	2,700

Total Insurance is .....\$ 4,700

Add Valuation Clause; Lightning Clause; Electric Light Permit. A permit should also be granted for such additional insurance as it may seem desirable to carry.

The present insurance seems inadequate.

This policy describes this building as used for "White Females." It is believed, from an inspection of all other policies, that this must be intended for "Colored Females" (else there is no provision made for them at all.) Your attention is especially invited to this.

### GENERAL REMARKS.

The criticisms of individual policies are not, of necessity, a reflection on the agents who wrote them, as the errors have, possibly, in some instances, been the outgrowth of a lack of system under some former administration (it being remembered that insurance has been carried on State properties since many years past). Certain clauses in these policies were placed therein by reason of the fact that the rules then in force were different in character from the rules now in force. The object in eliminating them would be to give the State the advantage of the Act of the Legislature of 1901. All policies written by Messrs. Knowles Bros are "signed" with a rubber stamp. This in my opinion, is irregular; but a question for the Attorney General: "Is a rubber stamped document, without autograph signature, a valid and legal and incontestible contract?"

If you will allow me, I shall take pleasure in compiling and having printed new "Forms" for these properties, and then for the future the insurance will be uniform.

Many points in this report may not be clearly under-

stood by persons unfamiliar with the details of insurance contracts, and for that reason I respectfully crave the privilege of making a further explanation, in person. The other State properties will be treated in a separate report.

Yours very respectfully,  
(Signed) H. J. DRANE,  
"Special Agent."

Also, on August 29th, 1901, I had the honor to make the following report concerning the Reform School near Marianna, Florida:

"Lakeland, Fla., August 29th, 1901.

"His Excellency, W. S. Jennings, Governor, Tallahassee, Florida:

"SIR—In conformity to your request, I beg to report as follows upon

#### REFORM SCHOOL NO. 1.

Liverpool and London and Globe, No. 887 (the number on the outside of this policy is '814,' and one or the other of the numbers is an error).

John M. Calhoun, Agent .....	\$ 2,500
Aetna, No. 1066, W. H. Milton, Jr., Agent.....	2,500

Total insurance on this building is.....\$ 5,000

"Insist upon elimination of Three-Fourths value Clause; Valuation Clause should be added. Policies should also provide for \$2,500 Additional Concurrent Insurance.

#### REFORM SCHOOL NO. 2.

Home, No. 46, M. Guyton, Jr., Agent .....	\$ 2,500
Aetna, No. 1067, W. H. Milton, Jr., Agent.....	2,500

Total Insurance on this building .....\$ 5,000  
Eliminate Three-Fourths Value Clause; add Valuation Clause.

Same criticisms as to both policies. Require permit for \$25,000 Additional Concurrent Insurance.

"The contents of these buildings do not seem to be insured at all.

"I have the honor to remain, sir

Yours very respectfully,

H. J. DRANE."

Also, on the same date, August 29th, 1901, I had the honor to make the following report concerning the South Florida Military Institute, at Bartow, as follows:

"Lakeland, Florida, August 29th, 1901.

"His Excellency, W. S. Jennings, Governor, Tallahassee, Florida:

"SIR—In conformity to your request, I beg to report on the South Florida Military and Educational Institute as follows:

On Buildings—

Province, Washington, No. 720, D. W. Stanley,

Agent .....\$ 1,000

Hartford, No. 1475, D. W. Stanley, Agent..... 1,000

Aetna, No. 1435, D. W. Stanley, Agent..... 1,000

Total on Buildings .....\$ 3,000

On Furniture—

Liverpool and London and Globe, No. 1130, D. W.

Stanley, Agent.....\$ 1,000

Total on Buildings and Furniture.....\$ 4,000

Eliminate Three-Fourths Value Clause from all policies.

Eliminate reference to mortgage, as there is probably no mortgage now.

The last-mentioned policy only refers to "Household and Kitchen Furniture," etc., whereas, it should specifically mention "School Furniture, Fixtures, and all paraphernalia usual to a Military and Educational Institute." The premium on this insurance would be only  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent for three years, whereas it is  $1\frac{1}{4}$  per cent for one year. Better cancel now, and insure for three years in proper form, from date of cancellation. Valuation Clause should be in these policies.

I have the honor to remain, sir.

Yours very respectfully,

J. H. DRANE.

Also, on the 29th day of August, 1901, I had the honor to report to you concerning the State Normal School at Tallahassee, as follows:



"Lakeland, Fla., August 29th, 1901.

"His Excellency, W. S. Jennings, Governor, Tallahassee,  
Fla:

"SIR—

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL (COLORED) TALLAHASSEE.

President's Residence—

Manchester Fire Insurance Company, No. 2,198,  
495, T. H. Randolph, Agent.....\$ 2,000  
Eliminate Three-Fourths Value Clause; no pro-  
vision is made for other insurance (if any).

DORMITORY BUILDING.

Home of New York, No. 697, George Greenhow,  
Agent .....\$ 2,000  
Permit for other insurance is \$6,000; Valuation  
slip is for \$9,000.

Insurance Company of North America, No. 233,131,  
W. A. Demilly, Agent.....\$ 2,000  
Eliminate Three-Fourths Value Clause; same ref-  
erence as to Valuation Clause above.

Phoenix, No. 1002, N. M. Bowen, Agent .....\$ 2,000  
Eliminate Three-Fourths Value Clause; add  
Lightning Clauses to all policies above.

The last named policy does not state whether or  
not this Dormitory is for Males or Females  
and we have no means of knowing. Same ref-  
erence as above to Valuation Clause.

Georgia Home, No. 296,426, R. A. Shine, Agent...\$ 2,000  
Eliminate Three-Fourths Value Clause; add  
Lightning Clause. Same reference as to Val-  
uation Clause. Mr. Shine also failed to pro-  
vide for "Other Concurrent Insurance.

The total insurance on above building is.... 8,000

COLORED NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDING AND  
SUNDRY ITEMS.

Aetna, No. 1295, George Greenhow, Agent.....\$ 5,000  
Eliminate Three-Fourths Value Clause.

American Fire, No. 6796, J. D. Perkins, Agt....\$ 2,500  
Eliminate Three-Fourths Value Clause.

Fire Association, No. 2,15,402, J. D. Perkins,  
Agent .....\$ 2,500

Total Insurance .....\$ 10,000

The last mentioned policy seems to have been overlooked, as I have it not in my possession; consequently I cannot pass upon it, but presume it is about as the other two on same property, as it was also written by Mr. Perkins.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Yours very respectfully,

H. J. DRANE."

On the 29th day of August, 1901, I had the honor to make the following report concerning the DeFuniak Normal School:

"Lakeland, Fla., August 29th, 1901.

"His Excellency, W. S. Jennings, Governor, Tallahassee, Florida:

"Sir—In conformity to your request, I have the honor to report as follows upon the insurance of the State Normal School at DeFuniak:

#### LADIES DORMITORY.

Hartford, No. 4615, Knowles Bros., Agents.....\$ 1,500

Eliminate Three-Fourths Value Clause.

Contents are not insured at all.

Rubber stamped "signatures" of Agent.

Pennsylvania, No. 1496, Knowles Bros., Agents...\$ 1,500

Total .....\$ 3,000

Criticism same as above.

#### NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDING AND CONTENTS.

Imperial, No. D 340,533, Knowles Bros., Agents..\$ 1,000

Hartford, No. 4366, Knowles Bros., Agents ..... 1,100

Total insurance on buildings and contents.\$ 2,200

Eliminate Three-Fourths Value Clause on both of  
the above policies.

## BOY'S DORMITORY.

North British and Mercantile, No. 2,486,124, E. R. Sprague, Agent .....\$ 500  
 Eliminate Three-Fourths Value Clause; add Valuation Clause. No provision is made for other insurance, and contents of the building are are not insured.

Mr. Sprague, the Agent, who carries \$500 of the State Insurance, lives at DeFuniak Springs.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Yours very respectfully,

H. J. DRANE, Agent.

Also, on the 29th day of August, 1901, I had the honor to make the following report concerning the Capitol Building and contents at Tallahassee:

Lakeland, Fla., August 29th, 1901.

His Excellency, W. S. Jennings, Governor, Tallahassee, Florida:

SIR—In conformity to your request, I have the honor to report upon the matter of insurance on State Capitol and contents, as follows:

Liverpool and London and Globe, No. 756, J. D.

Perkins, Agent .....\$ 5,000

Aetna Insurance Company, No. 1246, George

Greenhow, Agent ..... 5,000

Home Insurance Company, No. 684, George

Greenhow, Agent ..... 5,000

Phoenix Insurance Company, 33,487, W. A. De-

milly, Agent ..... 5,000

Western Assurance Company, No. 1,130,271, R. A.

Shine, Agent ..... 5,000

Providence, Washintgon, No. 180, Perkins & Wil-

liams, Agents ..... 5,000

Springfield F. and M., No. 403, Perkins & Williams,

Agents ..... 5,000

Hartford, No. 720, Perkins & Williams, Agts. .... 5,000

Continental, No. 471, R. A. Shine, Agent. .... 5,000

German American, No. 2666, R. A. Shine, Agt. .... 5,000

Total on policies written as above .....\$50,000

The insurance placed under the above mentioned policies is divided as follows:

On Building .....	\$35,000
On office furniture and iron safes ..	30,000
On Library .....	12,000

Total .....\$50,000

On all the above policies the Three-Fourths Value Clause should be eliminated in so far as it is made to apply to the Building. A Valuation Clause should also be placed on the same policies, applying to the Building, and Lightning Clause to all policies.

The iron safes insured are described as being in specific offices, so that if there should be one in any other portion of the building it would not be covered by the insurance. For instance, the safes in the Treasurer's office (two, one (1) in Secretary's and three (3) in the Comptroller's office, are insured, while the very handsome safes in the Supreme Court, Commissioner of Agriculture and others, if others there be, are not insured at all. This clearly was not the intention of the officials placing the insurance.

#### SUPREME COURT LIBRARY—ADDITIONAL INSURANCE.

Fire Association, No. 2,515,401, J. D. Perkins, Agent .....	\$ 3,000
American Fire, No. 6793, J. D. Perkins, Agent....	3,000
Glens Falls, No. 20,980, J. D. Perkins, Agent....	4,000

Total .....\$10,000

In all policies above listed the word "additional" should appear before the word "concurrent," so as to clearly show the amount of insurance allowed in addition to that written under the policy.

I would think the amount of insurance on the building ample, but do not know as to library, as I am not familiar with its value.

The form of policies (describing contents of building) refers to "office" furniture." This would not, in my opinion, cover the furniture in the Legislative Departments, though it was doubtless intended that it should. The words "including the furniture and fixtures belonging to the Legislative Department" should appear in this con-

nection. Neither does the term "office furniture" seem to describe the arms and accoutrements belonging to the Department of the Adjutant-General. I call this latter to your attention, not knowing whether or not it was intended that this should be insured.

Other insurance on State property is treated in another report.

I have the honor to remain, sir,

Yours very respectfully,

H. J. DRANE.

Also, I had the honor to make a report on the Deaf and Blind School at St. Augustine, in substance as follows:

Lakeland, Fla., August 29th, 1901.

His Excellency, W. S. Jennings, Governor, Tallahassee, Florida:

SIR—I have the honor to report as follows on the insurance of the Deaf and Blind School at St. Augustine:

### THREE MAIN BUILDINGS.

Aetna, No. 1574, Cooper & Mickler, Agents .....	\$ 1,700
Phenix of Brooklyn, No. 33,316, Cooper & Mickler, Agents .....	2,000
Phoenix of Hartford, No. 1983, Cooper & Mickler, Agents .....	2,275
Hartford, No. 1945, Cooper & Mickler, Agents...	2,625

Total insurance on the e buildings.....\$ 8,000

### COLORED MALE DEPARTMENT.

Orient Insurance Company, No. 581, Cooper & Mickler, Agents .....\$ 1,050

Norwick Union, No. 3,161,294, Cooper & Mickler, agents, described as the North "West Building" 1,000

There is \$50.00 of insurance under policy No. 581, Orient, and no insurance on the contents of the other buildings, which I would recommend should be placed.

The same general criticisms apply on these policies as have been shown on all other properties belonging to the State.

I have the honor to remain, sir,

Yours very respectfully,

H. J. DRANE.

The above reports are all I have been able to make, up to this writing (January 26, 1903), for the reason that the policies on the Florida State College, situated at Tallahassee, and the State School at Gainesville, have never been placed in my hands, and, consequently, it is impossible for me to form any idea as to their status. This has also been the case with the policies on the State School at Lake City, until a few days since, when, in order to secure the policies, I went to Lake City and presented a written request from you to the effect that the policies should be turned over to me. I find the following to be the status of the Lake City School policies:

#### MAIN BUILDING.

J. D. Callaway & Co., Agents.

Insurance on building .....	\$ 7,800
Contents of building, J. D. Callaway & Co., Agents	2,560

Total on building and Contents .....\$10,360

#### LABORATORY BUILDING AND CONTENTS.

J. D. Callaway & Co., agents, Insurance on building .....	3,750
Insurance on contents .....	6,550

Total on building and contents .....\$10,300

#### MECHANICS ART HALL AND CONTENTS.

J. D. Callaway & Co., agents, Insurance on building .....	1,800
Insurance on contents .....	5,400

Total on building and contents .....\$ 7,200

#### SCIENCE HALL.

J. D. Callaway & Co., agents, Insurance on building .....	35,000
Insurance on contents .....	4,600

Total on building and contents .....\$39,600

## SMALL BARN ON CAMPUS.

J. D. Callaway & Co., agents, Insurance on building .....	125
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## GYMNASIUM.

J. D. Callaway & Co., agents, Insurance on building .....	15,000
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## FOSTER HALL AND FURNITURE.

J. D. Callaway & Co., agents, Insurance on building .....	6,150
Insurance on furniture .....	1,440

Total on building and contents .....\$ 7,590

## OLD WOODEN BARRACKS.

J. D. Callaway & Co., agents, Insurance on building .....	5,300
Insurance on contents, Nil.	

Total insurance on building and contents.. 5,300

## BRICK BARRACKS AND CONTENTS.

J. D. Callaway & Co., agents, Insurance on building .....	6,000
Insurance on contents .....	1,700

Total insurance on building and contents..\$ 7,700

## PREPARATORY BUILDING.

J. D. Callaway & Co., agents, Insurance on building .....	800
Insurance on contents .....	200

Total insurance on building and contents ..\$ 1,000

## GARDENER'S DWELLING.

J. D. Callaway & Co., agents, Insurance on building .....	300
Insurance on contents, Nil.	
Total insurance on building and contents..\$	300

## TOOL HOUSE.

J. D. Callaway & Co., agents, Insurance on building .....	300
Insurance on contents, Nil.	
Total insurance on contents and building..\$	300

## COW BARN.

J. D. Callaway & Co., agents, Insurance on building .....	400
Insurance on contents, Nil.	
Total insurance on building and contents..\$	400

## MAIN BARN.

J. D. Callaway & Co., agents, Insurance on building .....	500
Insurance on contents, Nil.	

## VETERINARY LABORATORY AND SUPPLIES.

J. D. Callaway & Co., agents, Insurance on building .....	225
Insurance on contents....	900

Total insurance on building and contents..\$ 1,125

## FOREMAN'S DWELLING.

J. D. Callaway & Co., agents, Insurance on building .....	600
Insurance on contents, Nil.	

Total Insurance on contents and building..\$ 600



## TOBACCO HOUSE.

J. D. Callaway & Co., agents, Insurance on building .....	300
Insurance on contents, Nil.	

## DWELLING HOUSE.

Total insurance on building and contents.\$	500
Total .....	300
J. D. Callaway & Co., agents, Insurance on building .....	600
Insurance on contents, Nil.	
Total insurance on building and contents.\$	600

## ORDNANCE STORES.

J. D. Callaway & Co., agents, insurance on same.\$3,952.74

On each and every one of the policies written by Messrs. Callaway & Co., on the property at Lake City, there are corrections to be made, mainly as follows:

The Three-Fourths value clause should be eliminated from all policies, whether covering on real or personal property. The State of Florida is not bound by the same restrictions and rules in its insurance contracts as are individuals.

The iron safe clause, wherever it appears in a policy, should also be eliminated, for the same reason. The State of Florida is not required to take an annual inventory of "Stock on Hand," the same as a dealer in merchandise, and that is all the iron safe clause means.

A valuation clause should appear in every policy on real property, which, in some of the policies, it does not.

Permission for Alterations, additions and repairs should also appear in each policy, which it does not.

A limitation as to the amount of insurance is, in many cases, objectionable, and should be changed so as to read "Other Insurance permitted without notice, until required."

Some of the Insurance is not concurrent in some instances.

These policies, as well as all others, to be in proper form, should read in the name of "William S. Jennings, Governor of Florida, and to his successors in office."

I note that certain policies are written on Science Hall in amounts of \$5,000, for *three years* at a rate of \$3.80 for the term, while others are written on the same property for a period of *five years*, at the rate of \$3.00 for the term. Both rates are fixed on the same day by the same agent, and on same building, viz., July 13th, 1902, by Messrs. J. D. Callaway & Company, on Science Hall. This is clearly an error. The lower rate is probably the one more nearly correct. Nearly all policies at Lake City are written upon an annual basis. This should be changed so as to write them upon a basis of not less than three years, thus saving to the State 33 1-3 per cent of its premiums.

At a very late date, and after this report was closed, I finally received the policies from Gainesville, and append hereto my findings, carrying the figures into the recapitulation, and including the new insurance forms into the schedule, which accompanies this report.

*Barracks* is insured as follows:

Springfield F. & M. Ins. Co., No. 900..	\$ 2,000
P. F. Jordan, agent .....	
Phoenix Ins. Co. No. 5,683,402.....	750
Voyle & Lambeth, Agents.	
Norwich Union Ins. Co., No. 3,917,833.	1,250
Cushman & Hill, Agents.	
Manchester Fire Ins. Co., No. 3,238,110.	750
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Total Insurance .....	\$ 4,750

*Barracks Furniture,*

Western Assurance Co., No. 1,753,513..	500
Cushman & Hill, Agents,	

*Seminary Building,*

Niagara Insurance Co., No. 12,053....	\$ 500
Voyle & Lambeth, Agents.	
London & Lancashire, No. 3,827,725....	2,000
Hartford Fire Ins. Co., No. 1,355.....	2,000
B. F. Jordan, Agent.	

Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, No. 2320.....	500
B. F. Jordan, Agent.	
Norwich Union Ins. Co. No. 3,917,834..	500

Total Insurance .....\$ 5,500

*Ladies' Dormitory.*

Hartford Fire Insurance Co., No. 1352.	1,000
B. F. Jordan, Agent.	
Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co., No. 2,310.....	1,000
B. F. Jordan, Agent.	
London and Lancashire Ins. Co. No.	
3,827,726 .....	1,000
Voyle & Lambeth, Agents.	
Commercial Union Ins. Co., No. 1,000,182	1,000
Cushman & Hill, Agents.	

Total insurance .....\$4,000

London and Lancashire Ins. Co., No.  
3,827,737.....\$ 1,350

Criticisms on the above policies are about the same as on all others which have hereinbefore been specifically criticised, and the substitution of the new form will afford the necessary relief.

VALUES, AMOUNTS OF INSURANCE CARRIED,  
AND THE AMOUNTS WHICH MAY BE CARRIED  
NO STATE PROPERTIES.

LAKE CITY.

	Value.	Insured.	May Ins.
Main Building .....	\$14,000	\$7,800	\$14,000
Contents .....	8,000	6,450	8,000
Laboratory contents .....	11,000	6,550	11,000
Laboratory Building .....	5,000	3,750	5,000
Mechanic Art Shop .....	3,000	1,800	3,000
Contents .....	9,000	5,400	9,000
Science Hall .....	50,000	35,000	50,000
Contents .....	8,000	4,600	8,000
Small Barn on Campus .....	200	125	200

Gymnasium .....	20,000	15,000	20,000
Equipment.....	3,000	—	3,000
Foster Hall.....	8,000	6,150	8,000
Contents.....	2,200	1,440	2,200
Wood Barracks .....	6,625	4,900	6,625
Contents.....	500	400	500
Brick Barracks.....	10,000	6,000	10,000
Contents.....	2,600	1,700	2,600
Preparatory Building..	1,200	800	1,200
Contents.....	300	200	300
Gardener's Dwelling .....	400	300	400
Tool House.....	400	300	400
Contents.....	350	—	320
Cow Barn.....	550	400	350
Contents.....	1,000	—	1,000
Main Barn.....	800	500	800
Contents .....	5,000	—	500
Veterinary Laboratory....	300	225	300
Contents.....	1,200	900	1,200
Foreman's Dwelling .....	800	600	800
Tobacco House.....	400	300	400
Contents.....	150	—	75
Laborers' dwelling. (Futch)	600	600	600
Horticultural Dep't.....	—	—	—
Tool House .....	150	—	150
Ordinance Stores.....	3,953	3,953	3,953
Total.. .....	\$173,678	\$116,643	\$173,673

## CAPITOL BUILDING.

	Value.	Insured.	May Ins.
	\$100,000	37,500	\$100,000
Furniture.. .....	10,000	5,000	10,000
Library.....	35,000	(?) 21,000	21,000
Chemist's Office.. .....	1,000	—	1,000
Furniture.. .....	1,000	—	1,000
Totals.....	\$147,000	\$63,500	\$147,500

## FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE.

	Value.	Insured.	May Ins.
College Hall.....	\$25,000	5,000	\$25,000
Contents .. .....	6,000	—	3,000
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Girls' Dormitory.....	10,000	5,000	10,000
Contents.....	3,100	—	5,100
Boys' Dormitory.....	8,000	5,000	8,000
Contents.....	2,000	—	2,000
Residence E. S. Brough'st..	2,000	1,500	2,000
Brick Barn.....	1,500	—	1,500
Contents ..	500	—	500
Wood Barn.....	500	—	500
Contents.....	—	—	—
Unimportant.....	—	—	—
Totals..	\$60,600	\$16,500	\$60,600

## MARIANNA.

	Value	Insured.	May Ins.
Reform School No. 1.....	\$6,500	\$5,000	\$5,500
Furniture .....	650	....	650
Main Building No. 2.....	6,500	5,000	6,500
Furniture ..	650	....	650
Two Barns .....	300	....	300
Contents ..	500	....	500
Hay Shed .....	100	....	100
Smoke House and Laundry.	175	....	175
Shop and Cotton House,			
Unimportant.....	....	....	....
Contents do.....	....	....	....
Totals ..	\$15,375	\$10,000	\$15,375

## FLORIDA STATE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE (COLORED), TALLAHASSEE.

	Value	Insured	May Ins.
Academic Class Room—			
Industrial Shops in Base-			
ment .....	\$4,000	\$3,375	\$4,000
Contents .....	3,000	2,875	3,000
Boys' Hall (Old).....	3,000	1,875	3,000
Contents .....	300	....	300
Boys' Hall (New).....	2,500	2,000	2,500
Contents .....	300	....	300
Girls' Dormitory .....	10,000	8,000	10,000
Contents .....	1,500	1,500	1,500
Industrial bldg. (Shop)...	1,500	1,250	1,500
Contents .....	2,500	2,000	2,500

"Weeks Cottage" (teachers)	500	.....	500
Barn .. .. .	1,200	925	1,200
President's House.....	2,000	2,000	2,000
Dairy Building .. .. .	1,600	1,000	1,600
Contents .. .. .	900	800	900
Grain, etc. ....	500	300	500
Horses .. .. .	800	675	800
Cattle .. .. .	800	675	800
Implements, vehicles, etc. ..	600	550	600
Poultry House .. .. .	100	....	100
Totals .. .. .	\$37,600	\$28,300	\$37,600

### THE STATE HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

	Value.	Insured.	May in.
Foreman House .. .. .	\$1,000	....	\$1,000
Employees' House .. .. .	600	....	600
Employees' House .. .. .	600	....	600
Employees' House .. .. .	600	....	600
Barn, with shed attached..	600	....	600
Horses and Mules.....	1,500	....	1,500
Cows .. .. .	750	....	750
Crib .. .. .	200	....	200
Feed, grain, etc., in barn...	800	....	800
Wagons, harness, etc., in b'n	300	....	300
Steam Laundry Building..	500	....	500
Machinery therein .. .. .	1,000	....	1,000
Lighting Plant Building...	2,000	....	2,000
Machinery etc. ....	2,500	....	2,500
Power Building .. .. .	500	....	500
Boilers and all Machinery.	3,000	....	3,000
Ironing House .. .. .	800	....	800
Shed contiguous .. .. .	100	....	100
Creamery Building .. .. .	400	....	400
Bakery, kitchen adjoining..	2,100	....	2,100
Contents, range, etc.....	1,000	....	1,000
Employees' H'se, slate roof	1,000	....	1,000
Cow stables and feed house.	600	....	600
Commissary Bldg. (sew room) .. .. .	4,000	....	4,000
Commissary Store (cl'th'g)	7,000	....	7,000
Sewing machines and Fur-			

Furniture .....	350	....	350
Office, No. 2 .....	500	....	500
Drug Store, Fixtures, etc. . .	800	....	800
Furn. in Superintendent's Dw'ng and Main Office. . .	2,000	....	2,000
Furnishings, clothing, dishes, bedding, etc., throughout all buildings, except as enumerated above .....	14,050	....	14,050
Supt.'s Residence .....	12,000	8,400	12,000
Building No. 4, being the White Male Department. . .	17,000	14,500	17,000
Building No. 5, being the Colored Male Dept. ....	15,000	10,000	15,000
Building No. 6, being the White Male and Female Department ..	25,000	20,000	25,000
Building No. 7, being the White Female Dept. ....	20,000	8,000	20,000
Building F and G, No. 8, Colored Female Dept. . .	10,000	4,700	10,000
Main Office Building. ....	2,000	2,000	2,000
Totals ..	\$149,150	\$67,600	\$149,150

## DE FUNIAK.

	Value.	Insured.	May in.
Model School .....	\$600	\$500	\$600
Furniture ...	160	100	160
Normal School .....	5,000	5,000	5,000
Furniture .....	1,600	1,000	1,000
Office Building .....	150	100	150
Ladies' Dormitory .....	5,000	5,000	5,000
Furniture ..	500	800	500
Servants' Quarters .....	400	....	400
Furniture does not belong to the State.			
Men's Dormitory .....	1,500	1,200	1,500
Furniture ..	150	100	150
Tenant House .....	300	200	300
Totals ....	\$15,360	\$14,000	\$15,360

# SOUTH FLORIDA MILITARY AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE.

	Value.	Insured	May Ins.
Main Building .....	\$6,800	\$2,250	\$6,800
Contents .....	600	600	600
Kitchen, etc. ....	600	750	600
Contents of Kitchen and Laboratory .....	1,100	1,000	1,100
Superintendent's Residence.	1,000	....	1,000
Contents .....	115	....	115
Outbuildings are of no value.			
Totals ..	\$10,215	\$4,600	\$10,215

## DEAF AND BLIND SCHOOL, ST. AUGUSTINE.

	Value.	Insured	May Ins.
3 Main Buildings .....	\$8,500	\$5,775	\$8,500
Furniture in same.....	1,000	425	1,000
Dining Building .....	800	200	800
Furniture ..	250	50	250
Southwest Building .....	1,250	1,000	1,250
Furniture ..	1,000	....	1,000
Colored Department .....	1,250	1,000	1,250
Furniture ..	200	50	200
Totals ..	\$14,250	\$8,500	\$14,250

## THE EAST FLORIDA SEMINARY AND MILITARY INSTITUTE.

	Value.	Insured	May Ins.
Barracks ..	\$8,400	\$4,750	\$8,400
Contents ..	1,000	500	1,000
Ladies' Dormitory .....	7,500	4,000	7,500
Contents ..	2,500	....	2,500
Seminary Building .....	10,000	5,000	10,000
Contents ..	1,000	500	1,000
Ordinance Stores.....	1,350	1,350	1,350
Totals .....	\$31,750	\$16,100	\$31,750



## RECAPITULATION.

	Value.	Insured
Lake City .....	\$173,678	\$116,643
Capitol .....	147,000	63,500
Florida State College.....	60,600	16,500
Normal College (Colored).....	37,600	28,300
State Hospital .....	149,150	67,600
Reform School .....	15,375	10,000
DeFuniak School .....	15,360	14,000
South Florida Military and Educa- tional Institute .....	10,215	4,600
Deaf and Blind School .....	14,250	8,500
East Florida Seminary and Military Institute ..	31,750	16,100
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	\$654,978	\$345,740
Deficit Uninsured .....		309,238
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	\$654,978	\$654,978

Your Excellency will observe, from the foregoing recapitulation, that there is a vast difference between the values of the various State properties and the amount of insurance carried thereon, amounting in the aggregate to \$309,238.

It will be observed that while there has been a considerable amount of insurance carried, amounting in the aggregate to \$345,740, it would seem that a greater portion of it has been placed on those properties which, by reason of slow burning construction, are not so much exposed to fire waste, while that class of property most exposed (frame buildings and contents) has either been insured inadequately or not insured at all.

The value of the properties, upon conservative estimates, being \$654,978.

Having in mind your instructions to "cause to be prepared a policy covering in blanket form all the properties owned by the State of Florida, etc." I have had such form prepared, and submit herewith a schedule for your approval or disapproval.

Should your Excellency approve, then it will afford me pleasure to cause the various agents throughout the State who have been writing the insurance to renew their policies in conformity to the new schedules, or to amend their policies to conform thereto. When this has been done the

insurance of the State will be uniform in character, under every policy, and the Insurance Department need in the future only know that a certain amount of insurance is in force; and with this knowledge will go the further knowledge that every important item of State property is insured, prorata, under every policy. Thus, if the State should be so unfortunate as to sustain a fire loss, every policy, wherever or by whomsoever written, will be liable, prorata, for the loss.

is so written that nothing of importance is over-insured, under-insured or not insured at all.

The attention of your Excellency is invited to the fact that the State of Florida is not bound by the same rules and restrictions in placing its insurance as are individuals, firms and corporations; and the application of these rules has been, in the past, one of the most objectionable features in connection with its insurance contracts.

I would respectfully recommend that a good system of water supply and fire protection be immediately installed at the State Hospital for the Insane, which at present has practically nothing of this nature in connection therewith. This should include a sufficient water supply for fire purposes, an elevated tank of sufficient capacity, mains, hydrants and hose. The latter to be supplied with spanners and wrenches, kept constantly in place, properly protected from the weather, and also available on each floor of every building. This would, in the nature of the case, entail expense, of course, but when it is considered that the State has under its charge at that institution about 700 human lives—some of them of the very flower of the State, and all practically as helpless—under circumstances of great danger and excitement, as little children, who, in the inscrutable wisdom of Almighty God have had the hand of affliction laid upon them, rendering the brain—once that element in nature which made man only “a little lower than the angels,” now “like sweet bells jangled out of tune,” the matter of dollars and cents should not deter the Legislative branch of the State from taking the most speedy action in this regard. A good system of fire escapes should also be included in the improvement noted above. By the Statutes of Florida the hotels are compelled to provide fire escapes for guests; why favor that class, who are able to take care for themselves, over the afflicted in mind and body who are not able to care for themselves? \*

The Superintendent, Dr. V. H. Gwynn, has realized the necessity for these improvements, and has done what he could, without the necessary appropriation, for the betterment of the conditions, but without money he has been unable to do much.

I would further respectfully recommend that a new and accurate map be made of the various State properties, where more than one building is located—accurately noting the location and name of each structure. This was once done in the case of the State Hospital, but the flight of years and the growth of the institution has made many changes necessary, involving the remodeling, change of occupancy or removal of sundry buildings, so that the actual conditions do not now conform to the map. This would lead to confusion, and, possibly, to dispute, in the event of a disastrous fire.

The State of Georgia has all its property mapped by the Sanborn system, and reference is made in each of its policies to the number on said maps.

I find the electric wiring and heating system, wherever used, to be installed in fairly good condition.

The Electric Plant and Power Plant at the State Hospital would both render much better service and offer less danger of conflagration if they were consolidated into one building of a suitable character, and that building constructed at a point where, in the event of a fire in it, it would not expose the other buildings in the group.

Explosion of steam boilers would, in the present location, do serious injury to adjacent buildings, and for that reason the location would be better changed.

I would further recommend that steam boiler insurance be placed on all State boilers, which are now without insurance, as at the Capitol, Lake City and Bartow. The object being not only to be indemnified in the event of loss by explosion, but in order to have the benefit of regular and scientific boiler inspections, thus prolonging the life of the boilers and guaranteeing safety at all times.

The boilers at Chattahoochee and the Colored Normal College are insured.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Yours very respectfully,

(Signed)

H. J. DRANE.

Special Agent for the State.

## REPORT OF THE CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 4, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—The Capitol Improvement Commission have the honor to report that under Chapter 4893, Acts of the Legislature of 1901, entitled "An act to provide for the enlargement and repair of the Capitol building and making an appropriation for such purposes" they proceeded under the provisions of said law which became effective sixty days after the adjournment of the Legislature, being August 7.

The Commission met at the Capitol on August 8 and began their labors. On August 10, they employed Mr. F. P. Milburn, the architect recommended by the Legislature and finding no plans or specifications and none being accessible for the Commission, it was found necessary to prepare original plans and specifications and after submitting a general outline of plans of proposed additions to and alterations of the Capitol building, the architect requested time, in which to prepare sketch plans, which was granted and the Commission adjourned to meet on August 16, 1901.

On August 16, 1901, the Commission met in pursuance to adjournment and the sketch plans were presented, examined and discussed, alterations were suggested and the architect directed to make the same and report to the Commission on the 17th of August, which was done. The plans submitted by architect Milburn were approved September 6 and the architect was directed to prepare specifications in accordance therewith, which was done and notice to contractors was prepared and ordered to be published, asking for sealed proposals for the erection and completion of the work agreeable to the plans and specifications on file at the State House in Tallahassee and at the architect's office in Columbia, S. C., bids to be filed not later than 12 o'clock M. October 31st, 1901, which notice was published in the Manufacturer's Record, Baltimore, Md.; Atlanta Constitution, Atlanta, Ga.; Times-Union and Citizen, Jacksonville, Florida;; Herald, Tampa, Fla.; Daily Capital, Tallahassee, Fla;

Chicago Constitution News, Chicago, Ill.; Pensacola News, Pensacola, Fla.; Weekly Tallahasseean, Tallahassee, Fla. The bids were opened in regular session of the Capitol Improvement Commission on the afternoon of the 14th of November, 1901, and were as follows:

J. E. Parrish, Lynchburg, Va., \$65,793.00.  
 Unkerfer & Co., Columbia, S. C., \$68,400.00.  
 Kendrick & Levick, Tampa, Fla., \$72,000.00.  
 Nicholas Ittner, Atlanta, Ga., \$70,992.00.  
 W. H. Otis, Jacksonville, Fla., \$69,688.00.  
 Gilmore & Davis, Tallahassee, Fla., \$67,777.00.  
 S. S. Leonard, Jacksonville, Fla., \$67,000.00.

Whereupon, the bid of J. E. Parrish, of Lynchburg, Va., being the lowest and best bid submitted, the contract was awarded to him and a contract entered into with him, he filing the required bond for the faithful performance of the contract as required by the Commission under the provisions of the law.

Other meetings of the Commission were held during the 15th and 16th of November, going over the details of the work and again on January 13th and 14th, when the material and work being done was inspected by the members of the Commission. On the 14th of January, 1902, the corner stone of the building was laid under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Florida.

Other meetings of the Commission were held on March 6th and 7th, 1902, at which time the material and work were inspected and the details of the work carefully considered by the Commission.

On July 18th another meeting was held, at which time the material and work was carefully inspected, routine work of the Commission transacted, and a resolution adopted requesting the architect to prepare plans and specifications for a complete steam heating apparatus for the Capitol Building, to be sent to not less than six responsible contractors asking for bids for furnishing and putting in place such heating apparatus complete, to be filed with the Comptroller, as Secretary, before August 4th, 1902. At this time the bills of the contractor were audited, and a partial payment made to him.

On August 4th, the Comptroller, as Secretary, reported the following bids in accordance with the notice sent out by the architect for the erection of the steam heating apparatus:

D. A. Tompkins & Co., Charlotte, N. C., \$5,289.00.  
Farrell Heating and Plumbing Co., Anniston, Ala., \$5,962.00.

B. R. Clinton Co., Atlanta, Ga., \$5,367.45.

E. J. Erbelding, Augusta, Ga., \$4,471.00.

The bid of E. J. Erbelding, of Augusta, Ga., being the lowest and best bid submitted and being considered as a reasonable bid, the contract was awarded to him and the steam-heating apparatus installed in accordance with the contract entered into with him.

The Commission met again on the 12th of December, 1902, inspected the workmanship, material and building, with a view to accepting the same and making a final payment and settlement with the contractors, and after a thorough investigation of the material, workmanship, heating apparatus and building, it was found to be in compliance with the contract and done in a satisfactory and workmanlike manner, and the same was approved and accepted by the Capitol Improvement Commission.

The accounts of the contractors were carefully examined, audited and a final settlement made, and all bills were paid in full and the work of the Commission completed.

A detailed, itemized, authenticated, final settlement is hereto attached, showing the disbursement of each item by the Comptroller's warrants, giving date, to whom paid and amount. The original voucher for each item of expenditure will be found in the Comptroller's office attached to the paid warrant, which is subject to inspection.

A summary of the appropriation and its expenditure is as follows:

By amount appropriated under	
Sec. 3, Chap. 4893, Acts of 1901	\$75,000 00
To total amount of expenditures	
on Capitol Building.....	\$70,268 02
To total amount expended on	
steam heating plant.....	4,716 95
To balance appropriation unex-	
pendended .....	15 03

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\$75,000 00    \$75,000 00

The original bids, plans, specifications, contracts and minutes are on file in the office of the Comptroller and

Secretary of the Commission. These are subject to inspection at all times.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. S. JENNINGS,

Governor and Chairman,

A. C. CROOM,

Comptroller and Secretary.

W. A. BLOUNT,

H. J. DRANE,

C. M. BROWN,

Capitol Improvement Commission.

### CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Cr. by Appropriation Sec. 3, Chap. 4893, Acts

1901 .....\$75,000 00

Dr. to Warrants issued as follows:

1901. Warrant No.			
Aug.	10....1472....	C. M. Brown, expenses as Commissioner ...\$	32 20
Aug.	10....1473....	H. J. Drane, expenses as Commissioner ...	49 90
Aug.	17....1502....	C. M. Brown, expenses as Commissioner ...	23 20
Aug.	17....1503....	H. J. Drane, expenses as Commissioner ...	38 40
Sept.	3....1582....	Western Union Tele- graph Co.....	3 33
Sept.	6....1639....	C. M. Brown, expenses as Commissioner ...	26 20
Sept.	6....1640....	H. J. Drane, expenses as Commissioner ...	44 40
Nov.	2....2040....	Construction News Co., Chicago (adv. bids)..	7 50
Nov.	2....2041....	Times-Union and Citi- zen (adv. bids).....	46 50
Nov.	15....2101....	Frank P. Milburn, ar- chitect's commission.	1,644 82
Nov.	15....2102....	H. J. Drane, expenses	

			as Commissioner ...	42 20
Nov.	15....	2103....	C. M. Brown, expenses as Commissioner ...	26 70
Nov.	20....	2193....	News Pub. Co., Pensa- cola (adv. bids) ....	49 88
Nov.	30....	2230....	I. B. Hilson (advertis- ing bids) .....	7 50
Dec.	9....	2305....	Manf. Record Pub. Co. (advertising bids)...	15 00
Dec.	13....	2358....	J. D. Calhoun, editor "Herald" .....	46 50
1900				
Jan'y	15....	203....	C. M. Brown, expenses as Commissioner ...	29 85
Jan'y	15....	204....	H. J. Drane, expenses as Commissioner ...	43 20
Jan'y	15....	216....	The Geo. W. Clark Co., corner-stone .....	57 75
Jan'y	16....	220....	Alfred Donaldson, cart- age of corner stone..	25
Jan'y	17....	228....	Tony Williams, iron work, corner stone...	1 25
Feb'y	4....	302....	J. E. Parrish, on con- tract .....	8,392 90
Feb'y	4....	303....	Western Union Tele- graph Co. ....	1 74
March	7....	573....	C. M. Brown, expenses as Commissioner ...	29 45
March	7....	574....	H. J. Drane, expenses as Commissioner ...	41 80
March	10....	589....	Western Union Tele- graph Co. ....	1 11
March	21....	612....	J. B. Whitfield, for J. E. Parrish, on con- tract .....	3,000 00
April	8....	803....	J. E. Parrish, contrac- tor, on contract.....	4,820 00
April	8....	808....	C. M. Brown, expenses as Commissioner ...	27 20
May	2....	931....	Western Union Tele- graph Co. ....	3 85
July	19....	1497....	H. J. Drane, expenses	



			as Commissioner ...	43 50
July	19....1498....	C. M. Brown, expenses	as Commissioner ...	28 55
July	19....1499....	Capital City Bank, for J. E. Parrish, on con- tract .....		11,994 60
July	19....1500....	J. B. Whitfield, for J. E. Parrish, on con- tract .....		10,000 00
Sept.	9....1775....	Capital City Light & Fuel Co., tar under Supreme Court Li- brary .....		21 00
Sept.	12....1850....	J. E. Parrish, contrac- tor, on contract ....		12,000 00
Sept.	13....1853....	H. J. Drane, expenses as Commissioner ...		39 70
Sept.	13....1854....	C. M. Brown, expenses as Commissioner ...		28 70
Oct.	1....1950....	R. P. Hopkins, agent Sea. Air Line Ry. freight on heating plant .....		91 50
Oct.	7....1982....	Western Union Tele- graph Co. ....		5 46
Oct.	7....1988....	R. P. Hopkins, agent Sea. Air Line Ry., freight on heating plant .....		3 76
Oct.	13....2070....	R. P. Hopkins, agent Sea. Air Line Ry., freight on heating plant .....		57 51
3 D. H.				
Nov.	24....2419....	R. P. Hopkins, agent Sea. Air Line Ry., freight on heating plant .....		5 86
Dec.	18....2583....	H. J. Drane, expenses as Commissioner ..		36 70
Dec.	18....2584....	C. M. Brown, expenses as Commissioner ...		28 20

Dec.	18....2590....	F. P. Milburn, architect's commission ...	1,644 83
Dec.	19....2591....	F. P. Milburn, engineer heating plant..	245 95
Dec.	19....2592....	J. E. Parrish, contractor, on contract.....	10,585 50
Dec.	19....2593....	J. B. Whitfield, for J. E. Parrish, on contract .....	5,000 00
Dec.	20....2596....	J. B. Whitfield, for E. J. Erbelding, on heating plant contract .....	3,750 37
Dec.	31....2613....	J. B. Whitfield, for E. J. Erbelding, on heating plant contract .....	52 00

## 1903.

Jan'y	10.....182....	Morris Pultzell, arc light in dome.....	22 50
Jan'y	13.....206....	Gilmore & Davis, on contract .....	109 05
Feb'y	7 ... 373....	W. A. Blount, erpenses as Commissioner ...	34 20

Gilmore & Davis, on  
contract ..... 90 95

\$ 74,984 97

Tallahassee, Fla., April 1, 1903.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statement of the expenditures on account of Capitol Improvement Fund, amounting to \$74,984.97, is true and correct, as shown by the original vouchers on file in my office.

A. C. CROOM,  
Comptroller of the State of Florida.

## REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Office of the Attorney-General,  
Tallahassee, Fla.

To His Excellency,  
W. S. Jennings Governor,  
Tallahassee, Fla.

DEAR SIR:

Section 88 of the Revised Statutes of Florida provides that "It shall be the duty of the Attorney-General to make a written report to the Governor five days before the first day of every session of the Legislature, as to the effect and operation of the acts of the last previous session, the decisions of the courts thereon, and referring to the previous legislation on the subject with such suggestions as, in his opinion, the public interest may demand; which report shall be laid before the Legislature by the Governor with his first message."

In obedience to this provision I have the honor to report as follows:

Under Chapter 4894, the pension act of 1901, the number of State pensioners has increased nearly three-fold. This increase is in part due to the clause allowing a pension to any soldier or sailor coming within the provisions of the act "who being more than sixty-five years old is by reason of age incapable of providing a living for himself."

The act is liberal in its provisions, but it does not include several classes of soldiers and sailors and widows who are perhaps as much entitled to consideration as these covered by the act. These discriminations can be remedied by appropriate amendments. The tax levy to meet the large increase in the pension payments will have to be doubled.

The reprint of volumes 1, 3, 7, 10 and part 2 of 12, of the Florida Supreme Court Reports, authorized by chapter 4903, acts of 1901, will enable the officers of the State as well as the public to have access to important decisions which have practically been out of print for many years.

Chapter 4905, acts of 1901, authorized the Supreme Court to select and call to its assistance three commis-

sioners to assist the court in the discharge of its duties. The assistance thus secured enabled the court to dispose of many of the cases that had accumulated on the docket.

Upon the adoption of the amendment to sections 2 and four of article 5 of the Constitution, which was proposed by joint resolution of the Legislature of 1901, and the appointment of three Justices of the Supreme Court thereunder on December 1st, 1902, the employment of the three commissioners ceased. The Supreme Court now consists of two divisions of three Justices each. The cases that had accumulated upon the docket are being rapidly disposed of.

Joint Resolution No. 9, passed by the Legislature of 1901, appropriating \$2,500, to equip a gymnasium to be built by a contribution from Mr. H. M. Flagler at the Florida Agricultural College at Lake City, Florida, was not sufficient to authorize the payment of money from the State Treasury for the reason that there was no enacting clause to the Joint Resolution to make it a "law" under the requirements of Section 4 of Article 9, and Section 15 of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State. The gymnasium has been built by the donation mentioned but no money has been paid by the State for its equipment.

Chapter 4888, Acts of 1901, transferred all tax certificates held by the State to the custody of the clerks of the circuit court to be by them held for sale and redemption. This transfer has resulted in the redemption and sale of large numbers of certificates thereby more than doubling the receipts of the State and countites from that source and at the same time removing encumbrances from titles to thousands of acres of land and enabling the Comptroller with the cordial assistance of the county officials to get the assessment rolls in a more perfect condition.

Under the provisions of Section 13, of Article 5, of the Constitution, several of the circuit judges of the State have sent in recommendations, as follows:

Hon. L. J. Reeves, Judge of the First Judicial Circuit recommends:

1st, That personal injuries not resulting in death, inflicted through culpable negligence or a reckless disregard for the safety of others, be made an offense with a flexible penalty.

2nd. That Section 1012, Revised Statutes, be amended so as to exempt from its provisions for the return of process all summary writs, such as writs of quo warranto, writs of mandamus, etc.

3rd. That sheriffs be required to appoint their deputies in writing.

4th. That the second form of indictment prescribed in Section 8 of Chapter 4980, Acts of 1901, be perfected by amendment.

5th. That in divorce cases where the respondent does not appear the State attorney or some other attorney, be appointed to prevent collusion or imposition and a reasonable fee therefor be taxed by the court as a part of the costs in the case; or else make it an offense for the party who is the guilty cause to marry again and allow no divorce where the delictum did not occur in this State.

Hon. R. M. Call, Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, recommends:

The establishment of a county court for Duval county.

Hon. W. S. Bullock, Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, recommends:

1st. That provisions be made for the amendment of complaints in criminal causes on appeal to the circuit courts from justice of the peace courts.

2nd. That chapter 4728, acts of 1899, be amended so as to make certain the jurisdiction to try persons charged with larceny of hogs, sheep or goats when the value thereof exceeds twenty dollars.

Hon. Minor S. Jones, Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, recommends: That provision be made for using testimony taken at one trial in criminal causes as evidence in subsequent trials of the same case when the witnesses die or remove from the State after the first trial and before the subsequent trials.

Herewith I also present recommendations made by other officials as follows:

Hon. George W. Walker, State Attorney for the Second Judicial Circuit, recommends:

1st. That it be made an offense with a penalty prescribed for assisting the escape of any one charged with a misdemeanor.

2nd. That it be made an offense with penalty prescribed for interfering with property levied upon by an officer of the law.

Hon. L. E. Roberson, State Attorney for the Third Judicial Circuit, recommends:

1st. That all violations of the Revenue Laws of the State be placed within the jurisdiction of the Circuit Courts regardless of the penalty.

2nd That section 2588 of the Revised Statutes be amended by substituting the word "charge" for the word "conviction" where it first appears in said section.

Hon. J. B. Beggs, State Attorney for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, recommends:

1st. The passage of a law permitting the use as evidence in subsequent trials of criminal causes the testimony of witnesses on the former trial where the witness has removed from the State.

2nd. That a more comprehensive law be enacted for the suppression of dangerous and disorderly communities constituting a public nuisance in the immediate vicinity of cities and towns.

Attention is also called to the necessity of having more Procedure, management and sale of estates of minors and insane persons, Escheats, Nuncupative Wills, Licenses, sale and redemption of tax certificates issued for non-payment of taxes due cities and towns, appeals from interlocutory orders and decrees, granting of supersedeas orders, granting charters to corporations and commissions to officers.

A revision of the statute laws of the State would prove very useful to all the officers in the State as well as to adequate laws on the subjects of Probate Jurisdiction and the public. A digest of the decisions of the Supreme Court in civil causes is greatly needed by the officers of the State who are charged with the administration of the laws and by the public, whose rights and obligations are governed by these decisions. The State also needs a revision of the general revenue laws.

Very respectfully,

J. B. WHITFIELD,  
Attorney-General.

## REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS ON UNIFORMITY OF LEGISLATION.

Tallahassee, Fla., Feb'y 12th, 1903.

His Excellency, W. S. Jennings, Governor of the State of Florida:

It is required by the law, Chapter 4447, that the Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in the United States shall report to the Governor prior to each session of the Legislature.

The Conference of Commissioners of Uniform State Laws is made up of commissions created by the different States, meeting in conference, or organizing themselves into a National body for the better accomplishment of the work for which its members were appointed by the States. The States' Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in the United States held their eleventh annual conference at Denver, Colorado, in August, 1901. The conference adopted and recommended to the various Legislatures for passage, a law relating to insurance policies, a copy of which is attached hereto.

The State Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in the United States held their twelfth annual conference at Saratoga, New York, in August, 1902. Several matters of great importance received consideration and are now in the hands of committee. An act on sales is being drafted, and will probably be ready for consideration at the next conference.

The President of the American Bar Association in 1902, Hon. U. M. Rose, in his address, speaks as follows of the Negotiable Instruments Law, which was adopted by this State a few years since.: "The Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws very carefully compiled our Negotiable Instruments Laws, and this has already been passed by Congress for the District of Columbia, and in twenty States, so that it seems now to be almost sure that it will soon become the law throughout our whole country. Thus, seemingly, the day cannot be far distant when the law relating to this important subject will be substantially the same wherever the English language is spoken, and a vast number of discordant decisions will have passed into oblivion."

It is, perhaps, not out of place, briefly, to call attention to some views expressed of the Conference of State Commissioners. An eminent jurist has said in reference to this conference: "Whatever works for unity, certainty, and universality in the law, works for equality and justice before the law, and, however slow and difficult, in its initiation, is sure to win when its salutary operations can be demonstrated. Improved facilities in business intercourse, unshackled trade between the States, greater certainty in interstate contracts, less uncertainty and delay in inter-state litigation of rights, and citizenship, without regard to State lines, protection of the integrity of the family from external assaults—these comities, amities, and conveniences (shall I say moralities?) of good neighborhood are evidently desirable things in themselves. Are they not objects, also, worthy of attainment, in that they tend to cultivate and develop that oneness of spirit, that 'like-mindedness,' which alone makes an indestructible union of indestructible States?"

An eminent writer expresses this opinion: It is 'the most important juristic work undertaken in the United States since the adoption of the Federal Constitution. In the more than one hundred years that have elapsed since that time, there has been no official effort to obtain greater harmony of law among the States of the Union; and it is the first time since the debates of the Constitution that accredited representatives of the several States have met together to discuss any legal questions from a National point of view. This movement has passed beyond the stage of experiment and may fairly now be called National.'

This, like all other matters, must have its financial side. The Commissioners, even though they may be willing to give their time, labor and best ability to make the work of the conference a success, cannot attend the meetings at distant points without incurring the expenses of traveling and hotels. Unless the record of the meeting are preserved and printed, so that they may be circulated among the Commissioners and others, the work could not progress and would soon be past. This printing cannot be had without being paid for. The State has appropriation for any of these expenses. Other



States pay the expense of their Commissioner and a pro rata of the conference expenses. A few of the States contribute liberally for the expense of their Commissioners. This State is able to pay the expense of its Commissioners and put itself upon an equal footing with other States in that respect. It is therefore recommended that an appropriation sufficient to pay the expenses of the Commissioner, or Commissioners, of this State who may attend the conference be made.

Attached hereto is a copy of "An Act to Establish a Law Uniform with the Laws of Other States Relative to Insurance Policies." The Conference of Commissioners recommend its adoption by the Legislature.

The writer was present and participated in all the conferences since last report.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) :

R. W. WILLIAMS,

Commissioner for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in the United States.

An Act to establish a law uniform with the laws of other States relative to insurance policies:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. No policy of insurance shall be rendered invalid by reason of any statement, representation, or warranty, made by the insured, unless the same shall be material to the risk, or made with intent to defraud.

Sec. 2. No policy of insurance shall contain any conditions, provision or agreement, which shall, directly or indirectly, deprive the insured or the beneficiary of the right to trial by jury on any question of fact arising under said policy, and such conditions, provisions or agreements shall be void.

Sec. 3. This act shall apply to certificates of fraternal and mutual benefit associations, as well as to all other forms of insurance.

Sec. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

## REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS' HOME.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 1st, 1903.

His Excellency, William S. Jennings, Governor of Florida:

SIR:

I have the honor to submit this, my annual report of the condition and operation of the Confederate Home, in charge of the Old Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Home Association, for the year ending December, 31st, 1902.

Schedule A, hereto attached, shows the beneficiaries occupying the Home during the year, aggregating as follows:

Occupancy Jan. 1, 1902,.....	10,	
Admitted during the year,.....	4,	14
		<hr/>
Discharged,.....	1,	
Adjudged Insane and sent to State Insane Asylum, .....	1,	2
		<hr/>
Remaining in Home Jan. 1, 1903,.....		12

I herewith attach a financial report of the Treasurer for the year ending December 31, 1902, showing a balance on hand at that date of \$20.87.

In addition to the moneys shown by the Treasurer's report, the Martha Reid Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy have expended during the year, for the benefit of the Home, \$202.30; and the Committee for the State Division U. D. C., other than the Martha Reid Chapter, during the same time, the sum of \$170.26.

But for the generous aid of these noble women, it would be impossible to meet the expenses of the Home, the amount allowed by the State being insufficient with the most careful management.

During the past year the Home buildings have been painted and had necessary repairs, and a water-pipe attached to an artesian well on property near by has been laid and connected with the buildings, which furnishes an ample supply of wholesome water.

A number of fruit trees have been planted on the grounds, which it is hoped in the near future will be a grateful addition to the commissariat.

I would urgently ask an appropriation by the Legislature of \$1,500.00 for the purpose of adding to the capacity of the building, which is now taxed to about the limit, to accommodate the beneficiaries occupying it. And, also, an allowance of not less than \$300.00 per year for the pay of a superintendent; the above to be in addition to the regular annual appropriation of \$100.00 per inmate.

I am happy to be able to report that no death has taken place in the institution during the year, though several of the beneficiaries are quite infirm.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) : FRANCIS P. FLEMING,  
President Old Confederate S. & S. Home Association.

#### EXHIBIT A.

#### BENEFICIARIES OF THE CONFEDERATE HOME FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1902.

In the Home January 1st, 1902.

J. L. Daniel,	John McCormick	
J. F. Clark,	D. D. Roche,	
J. S. Cooley,	J. C. Bridges,	
C. H. Nelson,	C. H. Elder,	
C. Lassiter,	C. M. Hooper,	10

Admitted Since January 1st, 1902.

Alex. Parker,	J. F. Reddick,	
W. H. Daniel,	D. E. Smith,	4
		—
		14

Discharged.

C. M. Hooper,	1
Sent to State Insane Asylum.	
J. C. Bridges,	1— 2
	—
	12
Remaining in Home Jan. 1st, 1903.....	12

#### EXHIBIT B.

Account of Treasurer Old Confederate Soldiers and Sailors' Home Association for year ending December 31, 1902:

*Receipts.*

Balance on hand January 1, 1901...	\$142 33	
Received from State of Florida, fourth quarter, 1901.....	291 36	
Received from State of Florida, first quarter, 1902.....	262 77	
Received from State of Florida, for repairs .....	325 33	
Received from State of Florida, second quarter, 1902.....	300 00	
third quarter, 1902.....	271 94—	\$1,593 73

*Disbursements.*

By cash—Shoes and clothing.....	\$61 15	
“ Provisions and Feed.....	820 74	
“ Medicines and attendance. ....	42 45	
“ Furniture .. .....	1 65	
“ Repairs .. .....	286 97	
“ Matron .. .....	156 00	
“ Superintendent .....	7 50	
“ Funeral W. P. Pledger.....	30 00	
“ Insurance.....	40 00	
“ Sundries .. .....	126 40	
Balance .. .....	20 87—	\$1,593 73
1903.		
January 1st.—Balance .....		\$20 87

Mr. Carson moved that the action of the Senate, some days since, in ordering the Governor's message to be printed in the daily Journal, be rescinded, as the State Printer had as yet not so printed the message in the Journal.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Butler offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 23:

Resolved, That the United States mail authorities be, and they are hereby requested, to put special mail pouches on the mail trains coming into Tallahassee, Florida, during the remainder of the session of the Legislature, in which pouches shall be put by the mail agents on said mail trains all mail addressed to the members of the Legislature and attaches in either House, and that

said mail pouches be delivered, either directly to the messengers of the two Houses of the Legislature, or passed through the Tallahassee Postoffice direct without being opened.

Mr. Butler moved the adoption of the Resolution.

Pending consideration of which—

Mr. Butler moved that Senate Resolution No. 23 lay over until to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Butler offered the following:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12.

Whereas, At present there is rendezvoused in the harbor of Pensacola a fleet of the splendid battle-ships and cruisers of the Navy of the United States; and whereas, it is and should be the duty of every citizen of Florida when an opportunity is presented to see these magnificent emblems and embodiments of our nation's strength and glory; therefore:

Be it Resolved, by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

1st. That the Governor and his Cabinet, the members of the Supreme Court, the members of the Railroad Commission, the members and attaches of the Legislature, and the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Tallahassee, or as many thereof as may wish to do so, do visit the City of Pensacola, on Saturday, April the 18th for the purpose of seeing the squadron now present in its harbor.

2nd. That when the two Houses adjourn at their final sessions on Friday, April 17th, they do adjourn over until Monday, the 20th.

3rd. That the authorities of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad are requested to furnish a special train to run as an excursion train from Tallahassee to Pensacola, leaving Tallahassee about nine o'clock a. m. on Saturday the 18th, and return on Sunday afternoon or other suitable time, for the accommodation of the officials named in resolution one (1), and all other persons who may desire to visit Pensacola and the fleet of battleships.

4th. That his excellency, the Governor, be and he is hereby requested to communicate the intention of the Legislature and the officials of Florida to visit the fleet at Pensacola on Saturday the 18th, to the Honorable the Secretary of the Navy of the United States, and to re-

quest him to no farther reduce said squadron, but to hold it intact until that date.

Mr. Butler moved that the rules be waived and the resolution be now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12.

Was read a second time.

Mr. Butler moved that the resolution be adopted.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Butler moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two thirds vote and Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12 was so certified.

Mr. Raney offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 24:

Resolved, That until the further order of the Senate the morning session of the Senate shall convene at eleven o'clock a. m.

Mr. Raney moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Wilson, of the 7th:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 84:

Proposing an amendment to Section 1, of Article 10, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to homestead exemptions.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. Blitch:

Senate Bill No. 85:

A Bill to be entitled an Act to prescribe who shall be liable for Capitation Tax, and to regulate the assessment thereof, and to prescribe a method for the collection of Capitation Taxes in the State of Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

By Mr. Law:

Senate Bill No. 86:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the time for the qualification of electors for all special elections in the State of Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

By Mr. Law:

Senate Bill No. 87.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent a lien upon real estate by persons not in privity with the owner, and for the protection of the owner, the laborer for the work performed, and material men for material furnished.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Law:

Senate Bill No. 88:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 4965, Laws of Florida, the same being entitled "Carnal Intercourse with Unmarried Females, Under Eighteen Years."

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Adams:

Senate Bill No. 89:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the bonded debt of the State of Florida from proceeds of Indian War Claims and hire of State Prisoners.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

By Mr. Adams:

Senate Bill No. 90:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the application of the money received from the settlement of the Florida Indian War Claims, which amounts to \$692,946.00 and is now held by the State Treasurer in the Indian War Claim Fund.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

By Mr. Adams:

Senate Bill No. 91:

A bill to be entitled an act to require the submission of the allegations and submission of fact, in divorce proceedings, to a jury for trial.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Wilson of the 7th:

Senate Bill No. 92:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of pine forests in the State of Florida and providing a penalty for the violation thereof.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Forestry.

By Mr. Gillen:

Senate Bill No. 93:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections thirty-three (33), thirty-seven (37), forty-two (42) and sixty-seven (67) of an act entitled "An act to abolish the present municipal government of the town of Lake City, in the county of Columbia, and State of Florida, and to establish, organize, and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as the city of Lake City, and to define its territorial boundaries, and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges," approved May 22nd, 1901.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Gillen moved that the rules be waived and Senate bill No. 93 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

And,

Senate Bill No. 93 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Gillen moved that the rules be further waived, and that Senate Bill No. 93 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

And Senate Bill No. 93 was read a third time in full. Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blitch, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Gillen, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Miller, Neel, Palmer, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Wilson of the 7th, Wilson of the 4th.—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Palmer moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 93 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 93 was so certified.

By Mr. Harris:



Senate Bill No. 94:

A bill to be entitled an act to define the powers of corporations relating to borrowing of money, of incurring of indebtedness by them, and authorizing on the part of such corporations the power to execute mortgages or trust deeds to secure their indebtedness, and define the rights of the purchasers or their assigns, of the property of said corporation under such trust or foreclosure of such mortgages.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the committee on Corporations.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Sams, from the special committee appointed under Senate Joint Resolution No. 304, passed at the last session of the Legislature (1901), submitted a report, which was ordered spread on the Journal. [The report will appear in the Journal of tomorrow.]

MESSAGES FROM HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Palmer moved that the rules be waived and that messages from the House of Representatives be taken up and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., April 13, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 1.

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize and validate any county bonds heretofore favorably voted upon and afterwards advertised for sale by any county of the State of Florida, for the purpose of constructing macadamized and other hard surfaced highways in such county, and to fund the outstanding indebtedness of any such county or for either or both of such purposes, and to cure any

and all defects therein, and to permit the sale thereof as now provided by law.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,  
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 1, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Palmer moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 1:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize and validate any county bonds heretofore favorably voted upon and afterwards advertised for sale by any county of the State of Florida, for the purpose of constructing macadamized and other hard surfaced highways in such county, and to fund the outstanding indebtedness of any such county or for either or both of such purposes, and to cure any and all defects therein, and to permit the sale thereof as now provided by law.

Be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

And,

House Bill No. 1 was read the second time by its title only.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 1:

Substitute for section 2 the following:

This act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor, upon the condition that the same be ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of any county in which bonds may have been issued by an election to be held in said county not later than 90 days after the passage of this act.

Mr. Wilson of 7th moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Palmer moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Bill No. 1 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 1 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blitch, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Dimick, Faulkner, Gillen, Harris, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Miller, Neel, Palmer, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Whidden, Wilson of 7th, and Wilson of 4th.—26.

Nays—Messrs. Blount, Crill, Kirk, and Wadsworth.  
—4.

So House Bill No. 1 was passed, title as stated.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 1 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 1 was so certified.

Mr. Bailey moved that the committee on Pensions be added to the list of committees under Senate Resolution No. 13, which committees were to have a clerk jointly.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Blitch moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 7, now on second reading, be taken up out of its order and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

And,

Senate Bill No. 7:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Levy county.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Blitch moved that the rules be further waived, and that Senate Bill No. 7 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 7 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blitch, Blount, Brown, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Harris, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Miller, Neel, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Wilson of 7th and Wilson of 4th.—27.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Blitch moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 7 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote and Senate Bill No. 7 was so certified.

By permission—

Mr. Wilson of the 4th offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 25:

Be it resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to provide a committee room for the exclusive use of the Senate Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the Governor.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate Bill No. 29:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1, Chapter 4683, Laws of Florida, approved June 2nd, 1899, being an act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within four mile distance of public or private school buildings and houses of worship, and to provide penalties therefor.

Together with the following committee amendments:

"Strike out all after the word "inhabitants" in line 22, Section 1."

And the motion of Mr. Peacock to adopt the amendment was taken up.

The motion of Mr. Peacock was not agreed to.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No 29:

After the word "inhabitants" in line 22, Section 1, add the following

Provided, This act shall not apply to the sale of intoxicating liquors in incorporated towns of less than 500 inhabitants where such liquors are now being sold under lawful permit from the board of county commissioners.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th moved the adoption of the amendment.

Pending the consideration of which—

Mr. Sams moved that further consideration of this bill be postponed to Thursday at 11 a. m., and it be made a special order for that time.

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Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wadsworth moved that Senate Bill No. 16 now on table subject to call be taken up.

Which was agreed to.

And,

Senate Bill No. 16:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4972 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act making incurable insanity a ground for divorce of husband and wife, and regulating proceedings in such cases approved April 25, 1901.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Adams (Mr. Carson in the chair) offered a substitute for Senate Bill No 16, with the following title:

Senate Bill No. 16:

A bill to be entitled an act making adultery the only cause or ground for which divorces may be granted in this State.

Mr. Adams (Mr. Carson in the chair) moved the adoption of the substitute.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wilson of 7th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 16:

Add the words to Section 1: Provided, This act shall not in any way affect the rights of parties who have suits now pending in any of the courts of this State.

Mr. Wilson of the 7th moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Butler moved that the substitute for Senate Bill No. 16, as amended, be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Which was agreed to.

#### BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 2.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 625 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to canvass and result of election.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Butler moved that Senate Bill No. 2, be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 3:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections one and two of Chapter 4045, Laws of Florida, approved June 2, 1891. The same being an act to amend an act entitled an act to protect the interests of farmers, planters and others, Chapter 3012, approved Feb. 17, 1877.

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. Wilson of the 7th, moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 3, be placed on calendar of bills on third reading without engrossing.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

And Senate Bill No. 3 was placed on calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 46:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 4237 of the Laws of Florida, being an act to establish and keep in good repair the public roads and highways in the counties of Walton and Holmes, in this State.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Neel moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 46 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 46 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blitch, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Faulkner, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Miller, Neel, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Wilson of 7th, and Wilson of 4th.—27.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Neel moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 46 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 46 was so certified.

Senate Bill No. 9:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the catching and taking of fish from the fresh water lakes of Clay county, Florida, in the Months of March, April and May of each year.

Was taken up.

Mr Law moved that the rules be waived and Senate bill No. 9 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

And Senate Bill No. 9 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Law moved that the rules be further waived, and that Senate Bill No. 9 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

And Senate Bill No. 9 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Blitch, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Faulkner, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Miller, Neel, Palmer, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Wilson, of the 7th, Wilson, of the 4th.—26.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed title as stated.

Mr. Law moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 9 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote,

And Senate Bill No. 9 was so certified.

By permission—Mr. Raney offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 26:

Resolved by the Senate that two members of the Senate be added to the Committee on Appropriations by the President of the Senate.

Mr. Raney moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Messrs Raney and Neel the two additional members of the Committee on Appropriations under the above resolution.

By permission—

Mr. McCreary offered the following:

Senate Resolution No. 27:

Resolved that the State Printer be requested to furnish the Senate with 1000 copies of the Daily Journal of the Senate.

Mr. McCreary moved the adoption of the resolution. Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 14:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 875, and

to repeal Section 877 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relative to fences.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Wilson of the 7th moved that Senate Bill No. 14, be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Wilson of the 7th withdrew the motion.

Mr. Wilson of the 7th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 14.

Strike out all of Section 2; make Section 3 Section 2; and Section 4 Section 3.

Mr. Wilson of the 7th moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Brown offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 14:

Strike out the words "And to repeal Section 877" from the title of the bill.

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 14, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

### BILLS ON THIRD READING.

Senate Bill No. 22:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the election held on the 7th day of January, A. D. 1902, in the city of

Palatka, to determine whether or not the bonds should be issued, sold, etc., as proposed and provided by an ordinance of said city, entitled "An ordinance to provide for the issue of bonds and the payment therefor," passed in open council by the city council of the city of Palatka, on the 19th day of November, 1901, and approved by the mayor of said city on the 20th day of November, 1901, and to declare and render valid said ordinance, and to authorize the issuance of the bonds as provided by said ordinance.

Was taken up and read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Bailey, Blitch, Blount, Brown, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Gillen, Harris,



Law, McCaskill, Mac Williams, Miller, Neel, Palmer, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Wilson of the 7th, Wilson of the 4th.—29.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 23:

A bill to be entitled an act to ratify and legalize the action of the county commissioners of St. Johns county, for, on, and in behalf of the county of St. Johns, in taking up from the First National Bank of St. Augustine, the warrants of the board of public instruction of said county amounting to the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00), bearing eight (8) per cent interest and substituting therefor county warrants in a like sum bearing five (5) per cent interest.

Was taken up and read the third time in full and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll on Senate Bill No. 23 the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blitch, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Harris, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Miller, Neel, Palmer, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Wilson of the 7th, Wilson of the 4th.—29.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1903.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, 32 Senators answered to their names, showing a quorum present.

Prayer by Rev. J. B. Ley, Presiding Elder of the Methodist Church.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which was agreed to.

The Journal as corrected was approved.

## INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Blitch offered the following: